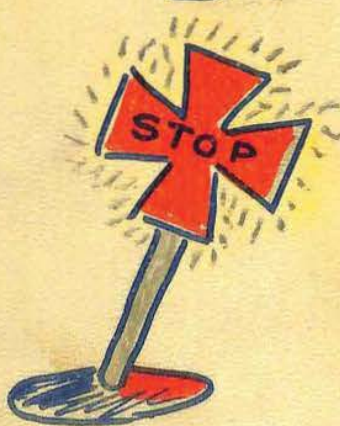


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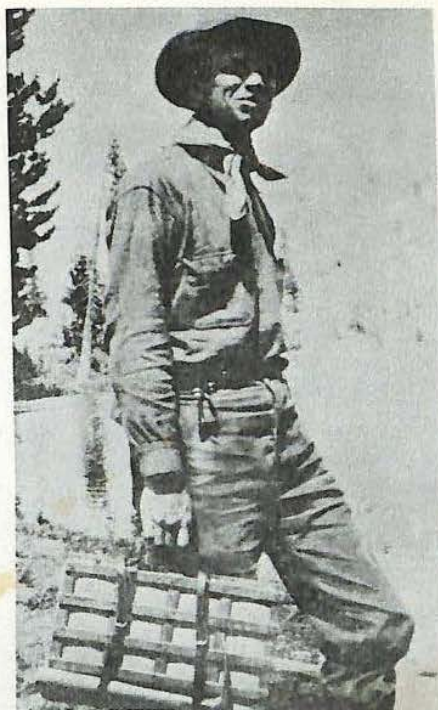


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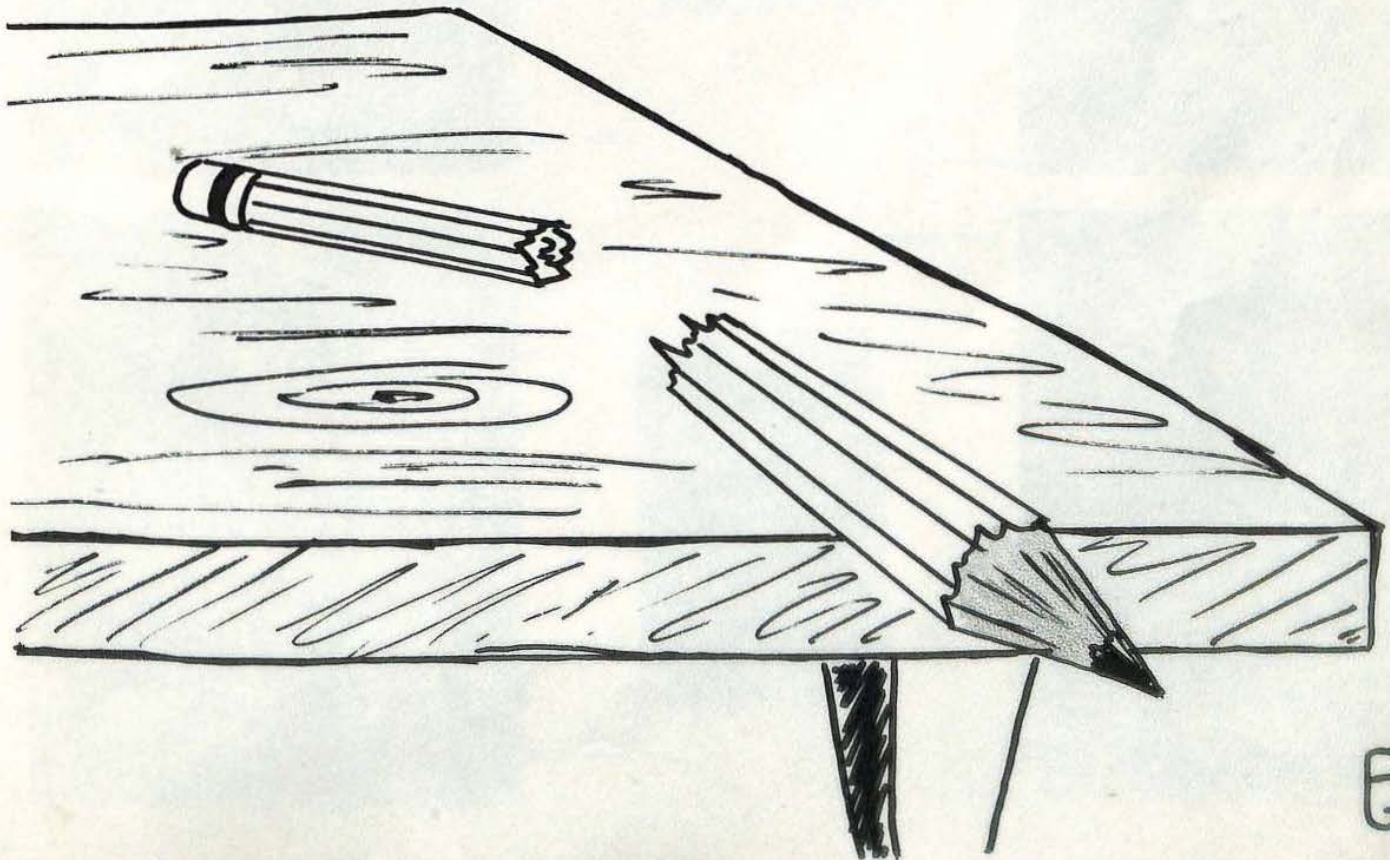


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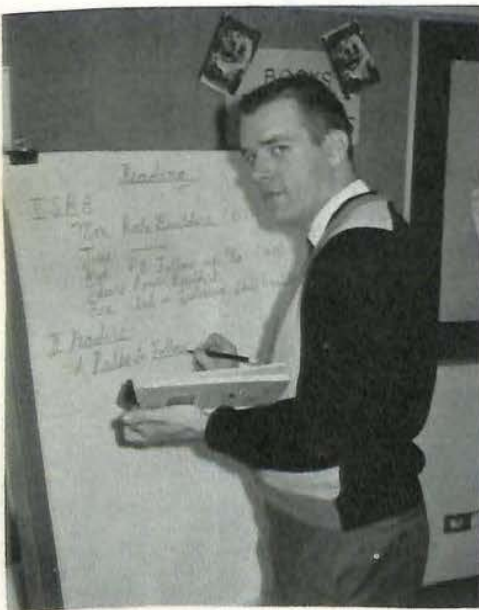




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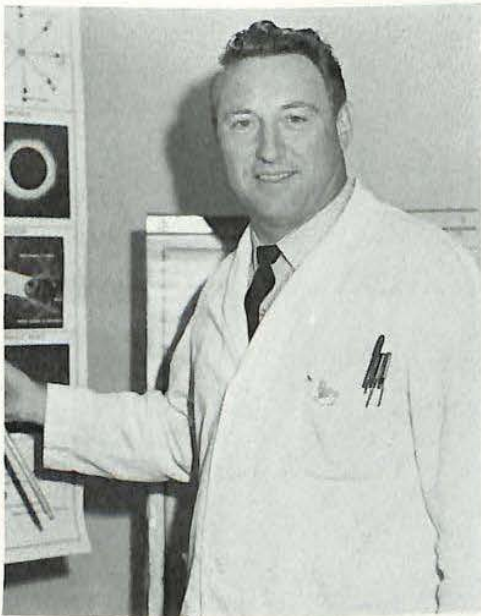
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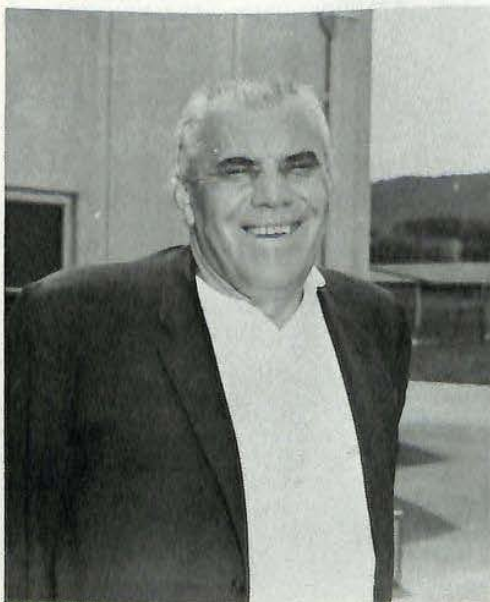


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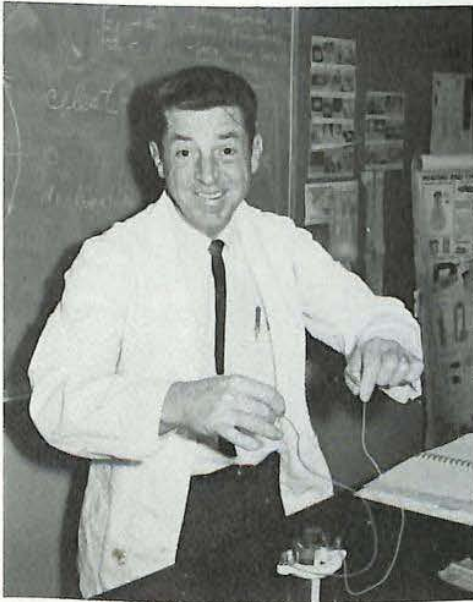
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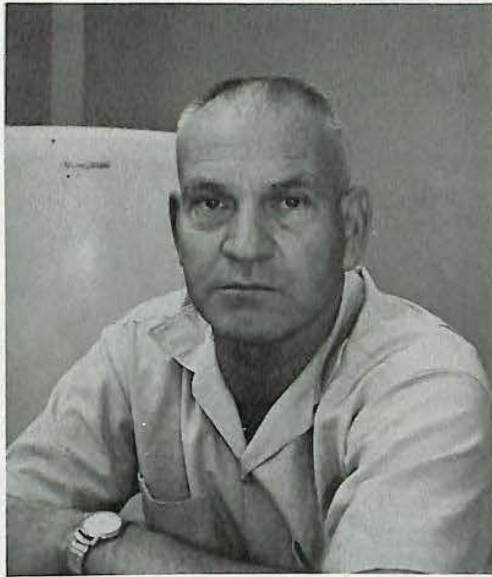


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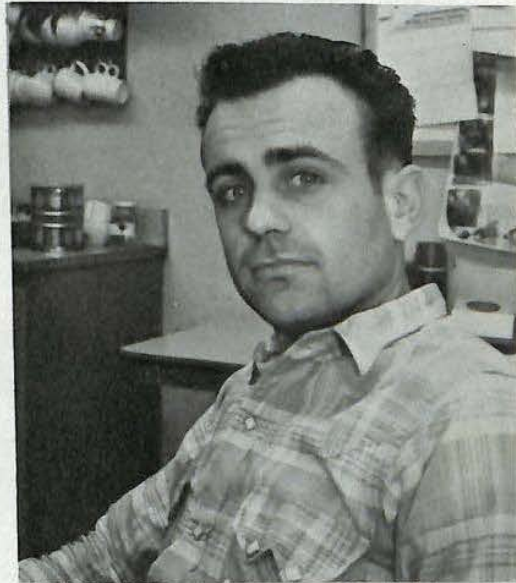


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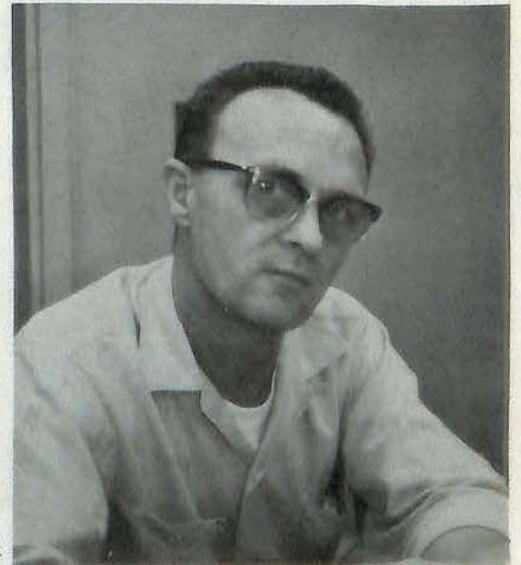
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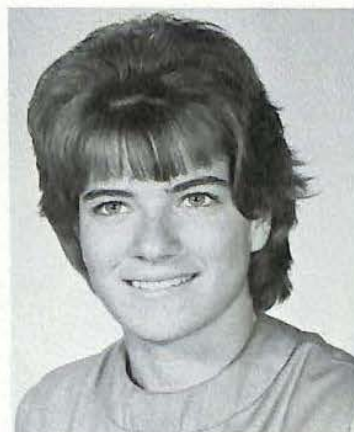
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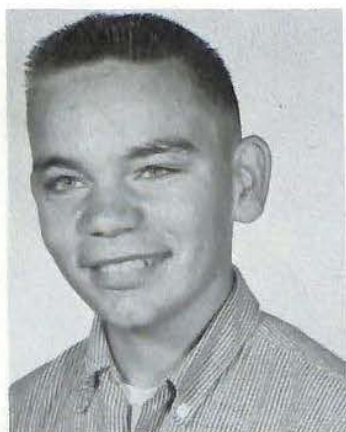
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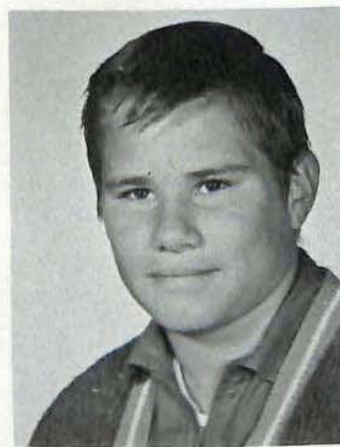
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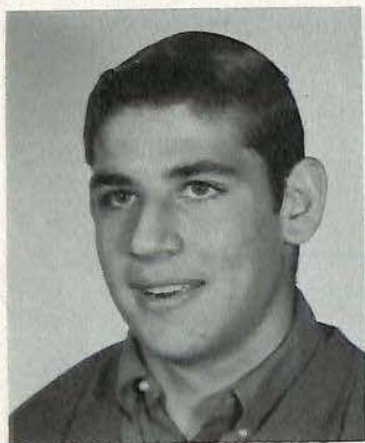
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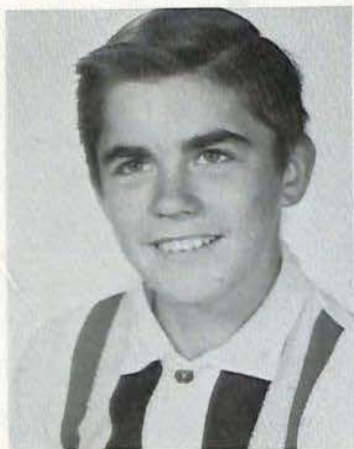
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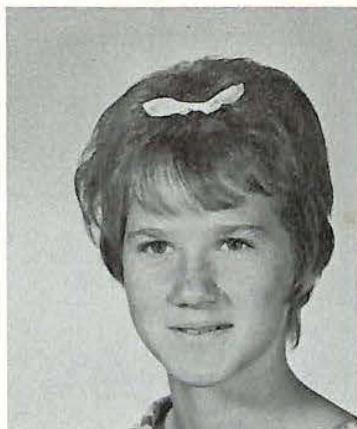
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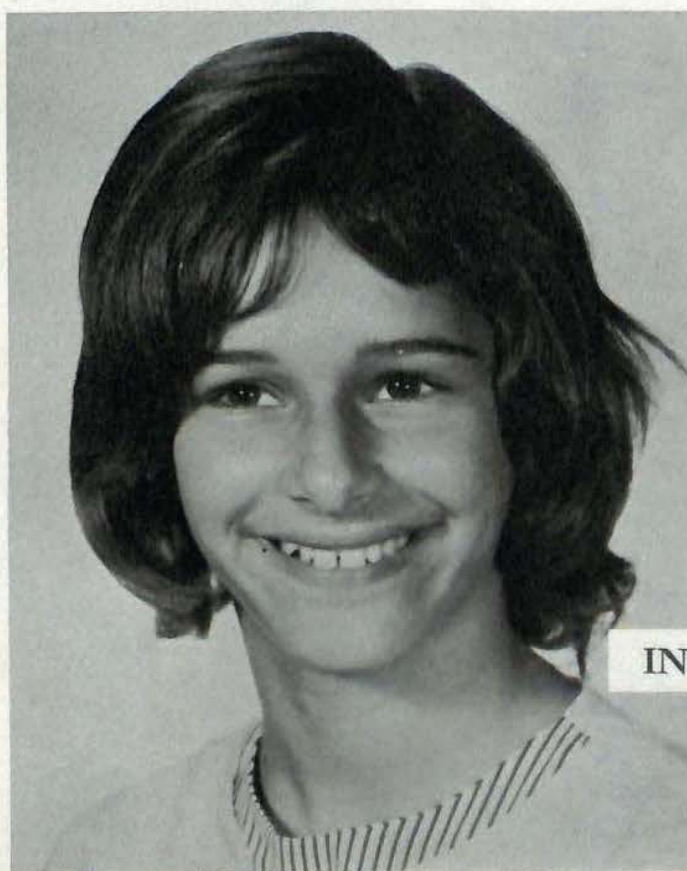
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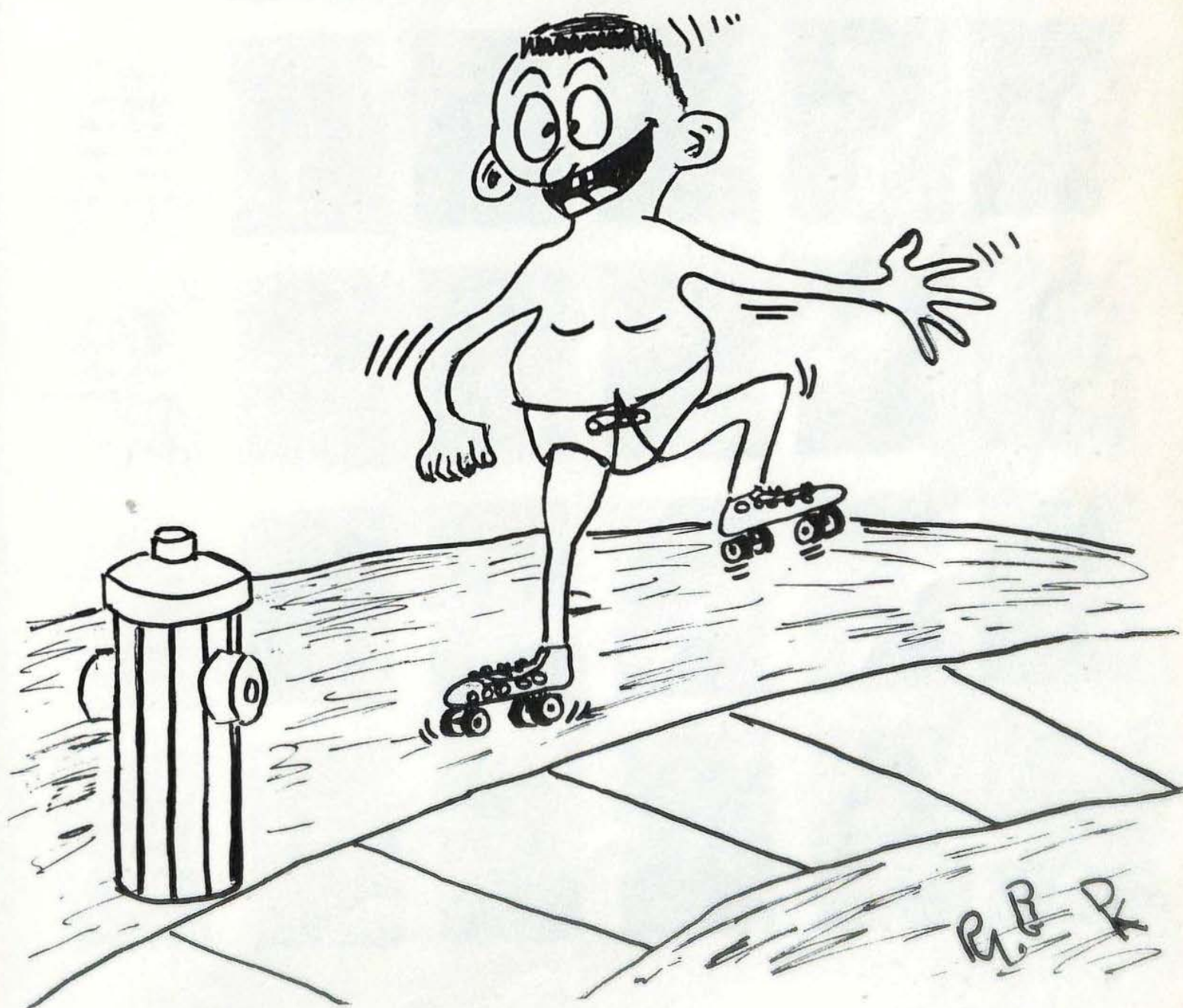
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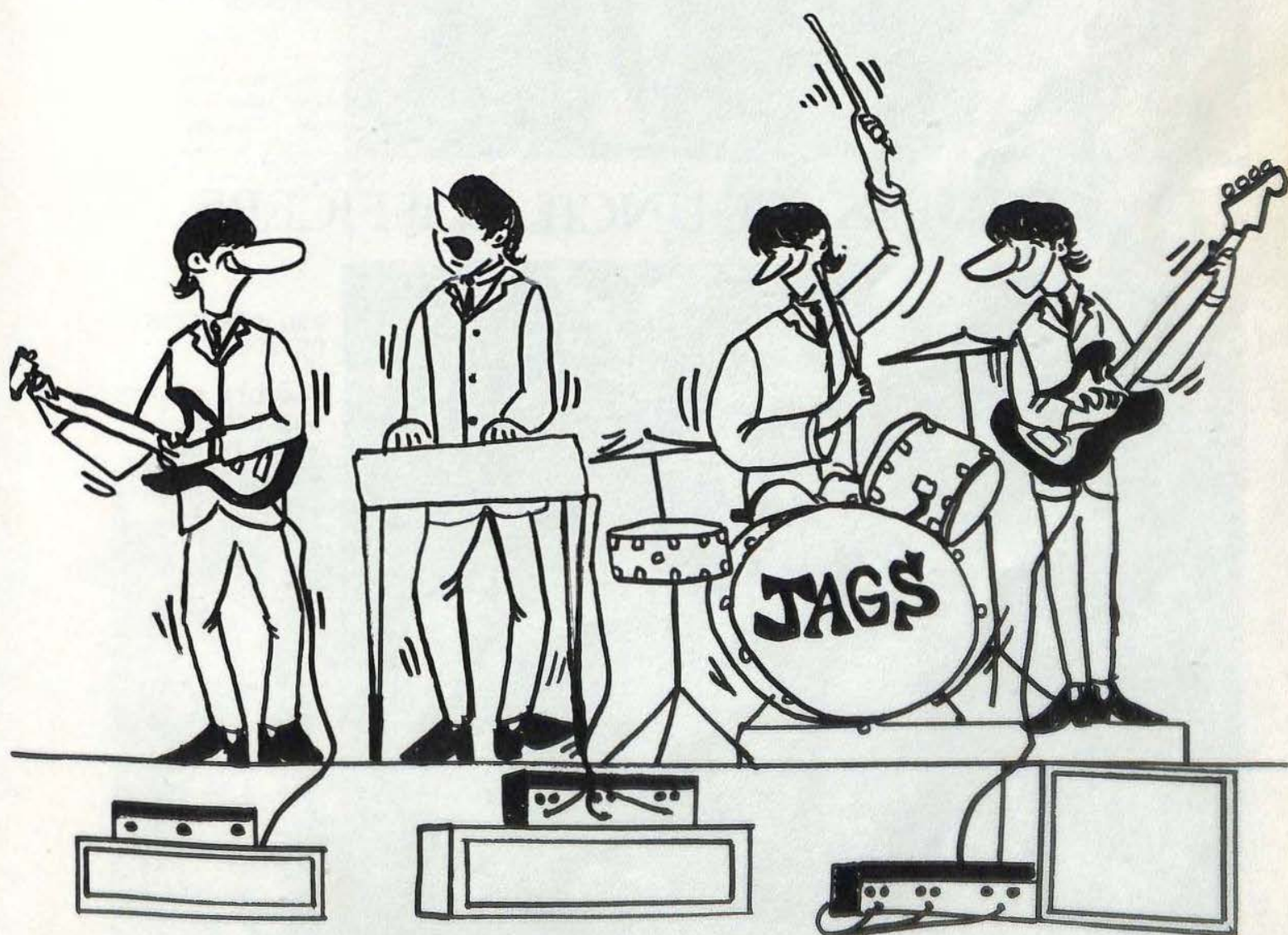


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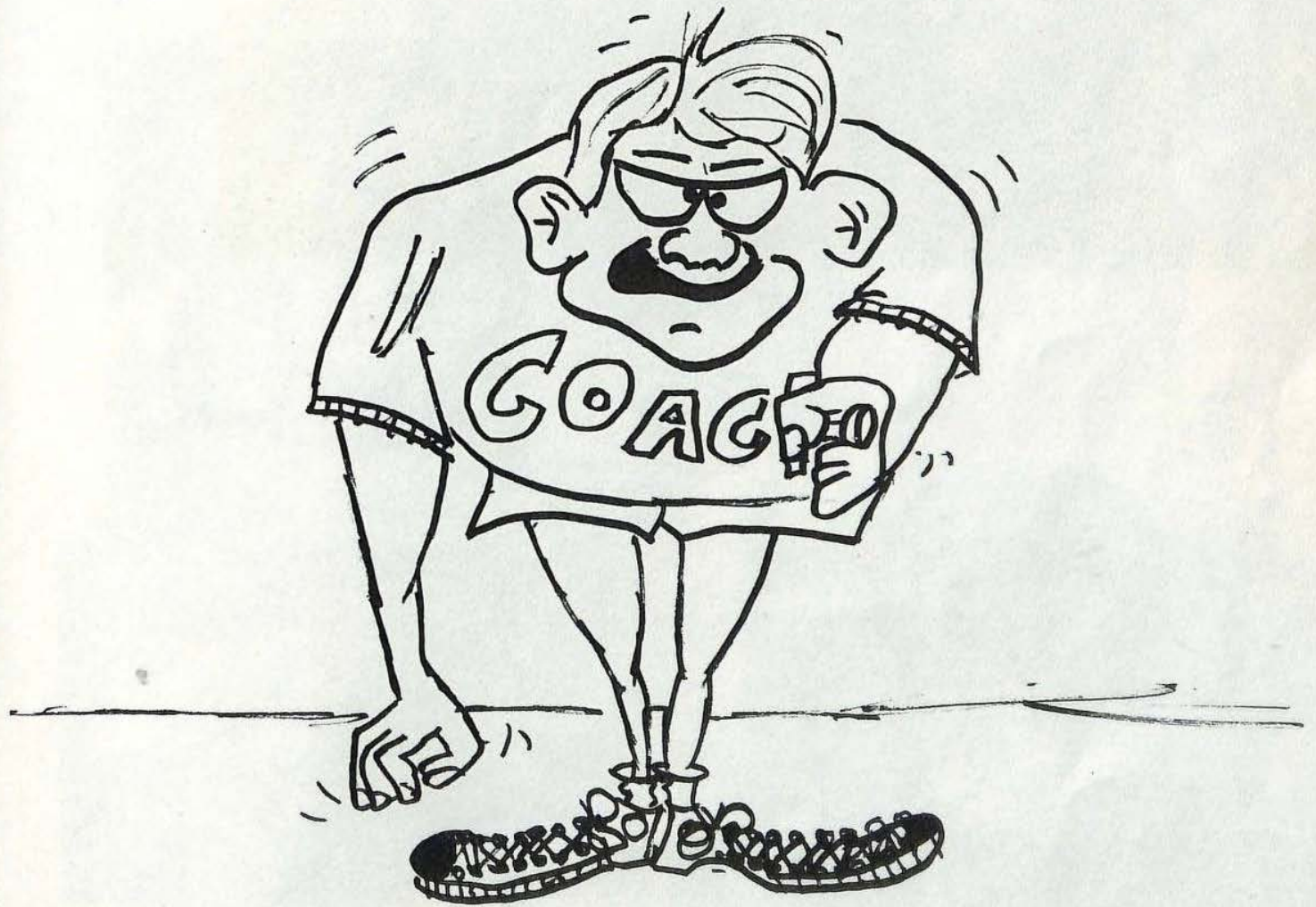


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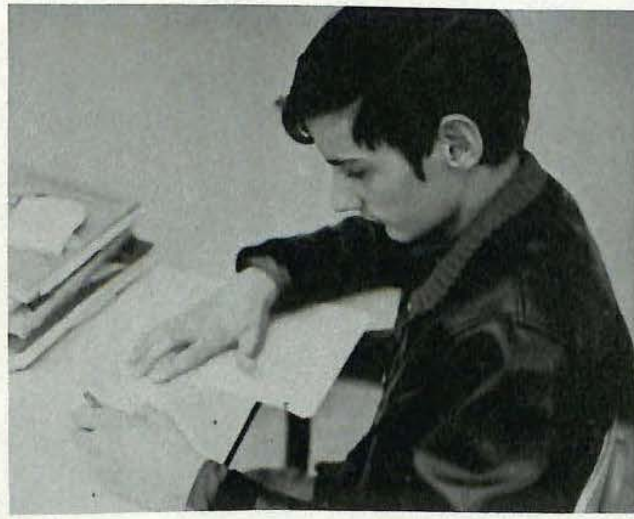
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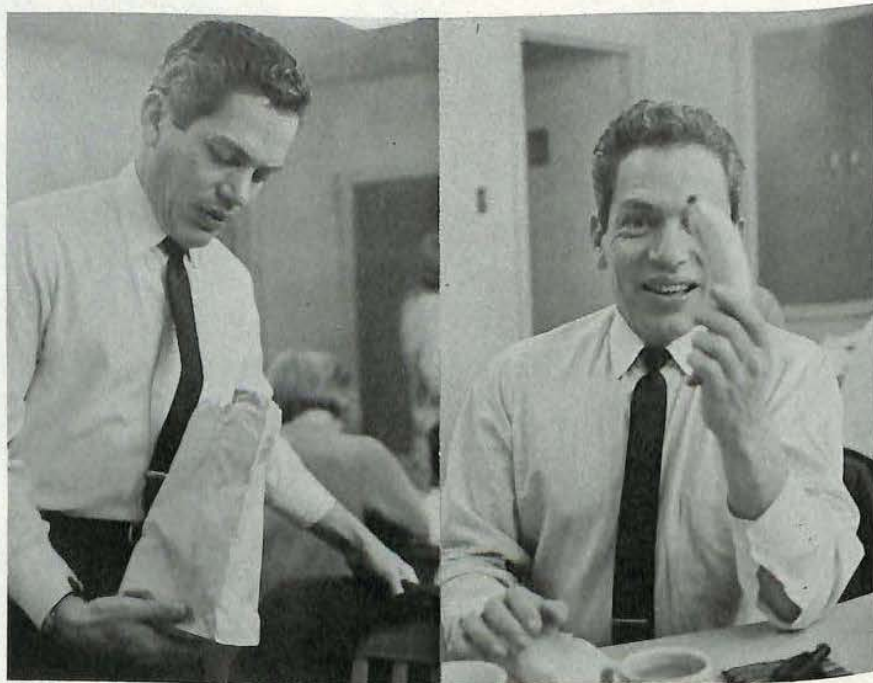






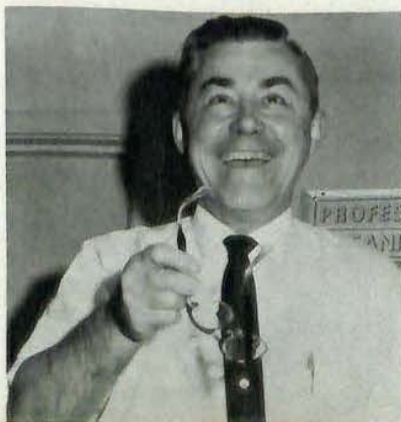
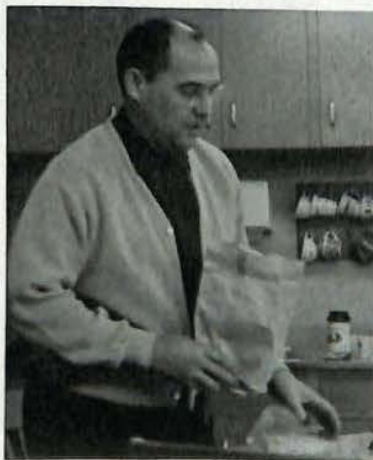
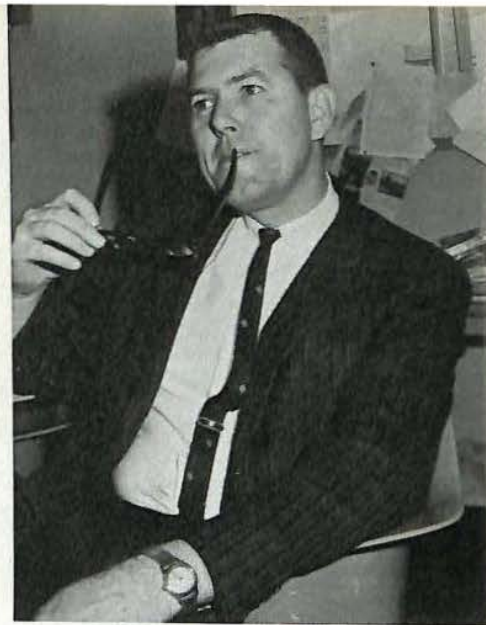


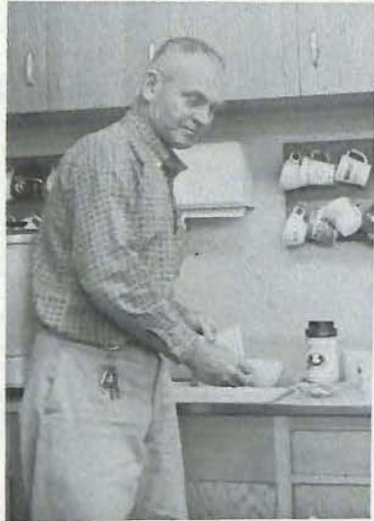




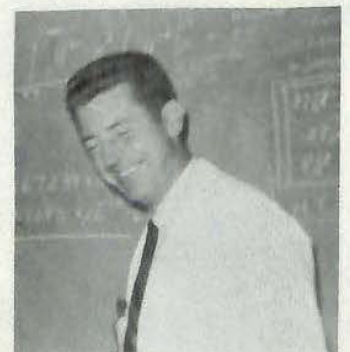
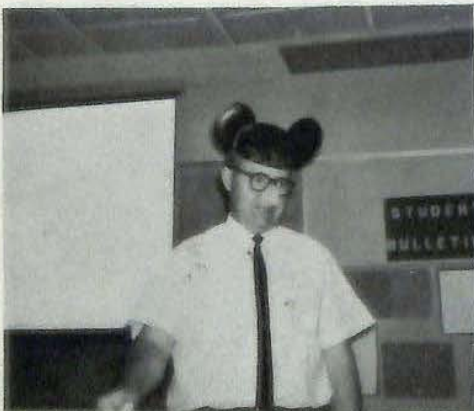
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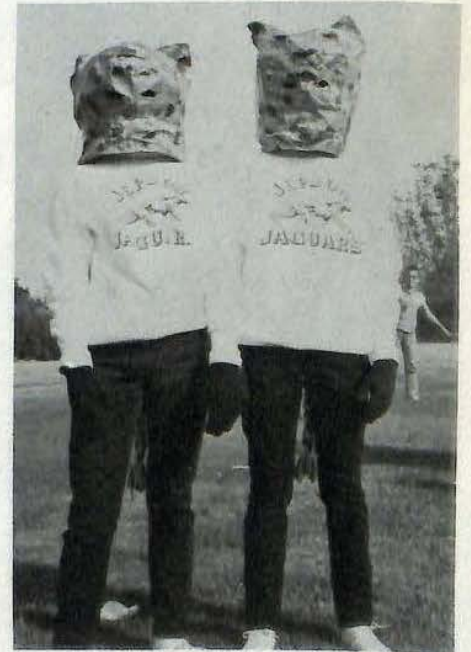


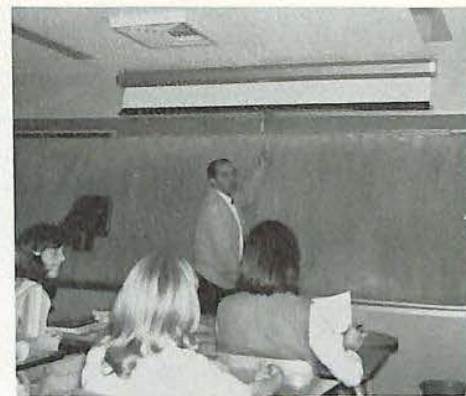






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Friday's Dilemma

Twas the night before Friday,
And all through the house,
The trash was all piled up
And I was a louse.

For my duties for housework
Are really quite clear.
My mom drew them up
Like a real engineer.

So I sighed as I put on
My shoes and my socks.
And I emptied the trash
Now my mother's in shock!

By Mike Sutin

Winter Snow

I hear the snow come softly rolling
Along my lodgin's roof,
A frosty, powdery, arctic holding,
Blowing away in a poof!

There is a touch of crystal stars
Along the shining rim,
And echoing all about me
There sounds a thankful hymn.

By Jeannine Rouse

The Fate of a Chair

It sat behind the table bare
The seatless, backless, paintless chair,
Who once had known an emperor's weight
Until it met a junkyard's fate.

Just because its springs had sprung
And in the seat of the emperor stung,
Was this such a bad thing to have done
Considering the emperor weighed close to a ton?

The monarch had been mighty sore
Especially where the spring had bore
And lenient not about to be
So gave it to a junkman free.

The junkman dissected the majestic throne
And left it feeling all alone
Now it's looking quite wind blown,
Turning from richness into wood and bone.

By Rose Harris

Water Day in South America

In South America the natives have a holiday called Water Day. Though it is supposed to have a religious meaning, it mainly consists of water fights between any and all groups. Sometimes the fights are between friends, sometimes neighbors, and even between complete strangers.

The custom began centuries ago when people went to the beaches before Lentenseason to wash away their sins in religious rites. But as the population grew, many could not go to a body of water; they stayed at home and washed away their sins with water from wells and cisterns.

Today, in South America, the people who can afford it go to the beaches for a week before Lent. The poor stay at home and wash away each others sins with buckets and pots of water. At first the ceremony was simple, but soon some rowdy people began throwing water for the fun of it.

Our neighbors were especially rowdy and people from all over town came on foot and by car to dump water in our area. Lines of people would block ways to throw water on the people who were traveling in cars. Sometimes these simple fights got out of hand and turned into riots injuring hundreds of people every year. The police try weakly to stop the fights, but somehow they get involved themselves. Usually Water Day lasts one day, but in 1958, at the end of the revolution, it lasted one week.

During the four years I was in Venezuela, I saw many of the Water Day battles and participated in one of them. That was enough!

By Brian Atwood

The Murmuring Pines

As the dawn falls slowly over the hills,
A silence that is gentle comes.
It makes the forest of pine shrill with joy,
Because they have the peace all their own.

They gaily dance with a moonbeam that is
Cast upon the shadows.
They begin to talk with awesome words
That would hold a person spellbound.
Their leaves of red and gold have fallen
Upon the ground in a pattern that is beautiful.

Now, as the dawn is cast upon the shadows of the pines,
The leaves begin to curl.
Their talking and their laughing is gone
And the murmuring pines are still.

By Mary Gardner

Me, A Penny!

Dull, unlike the new and beautiful coins. That was me! Me born in a family with a brother, who was a silver dollar, and a sister, who was a half dollar. Me born last was so dull and ugly compared to my sister and brother.

That's what it is like to be a crummy little copper penny, till me heard a story one day told by me grandfather.

"It was long ago when people started using money. The paper dollar was made, the silver dollar, the half dollar, the quarter, the dime, and the nickel. Of course, the penny was made but it looked different from the other coins because it was so dull and ugly."

To me this was very boring and made me even more sorry; me was a penny. But of course me had to listen patiently.

"The life of a penny was as dull as it looked and people wouldn't use it unless they simply had to! Of, course this made the pennies feel even worse.

Taxes came and, of course, now you need four pennies if you purchase something for a dollar. So the people finally realized we really need the pennies."

Me, a penny, that me still is. Dull and ugly that me still is. But me have learned a lesson, that me will never forget. Me, a penny is what me am, and me a penny is what me will be!!!

By Heidi Y. Campini

A Comfortable Guest

Before you go to bed, dear guest,
Before you close your eyes in rest,
Please let me take you, first, in tow,
And teach you what you need to know.

Here is a door that will not lock---
You keep it shut with this small rock.
These drawers stick--just grip them tightly,
And lift them up, while twisting slightly.

Beward this light switch--do not touch;
Unscrew the bulb, but not too much.
This clock gains half an hour each night.
Subtract the same to tell time right.

I think I also should explain,
The tub is rather slow to drain,
And if this faucet drips, you'll find
The cut-off valve and wrench behind.

Before you come again, we'll mend
The faucet, drawers, and switch, my friend,
The door, the drain, the half-hour fast time.
Or did I tell you this the last time?????

By Syndee Boling

Gems of the Night

On a curtain of deepest black velvet,
The glittering stars do lie,
Twinkling merrily o'er our heads,
The diamonds of the sky.

Cast from the purses of kindly gods
That men will have beauty near,
Stars are the jewels of all mankind,
For all who do not fear.

By Deborah Geilhausen

The Shadow Chaser

Higher, higher sped the bird,
A shining streak of blue,
Striving hard to touch the clouds
And shake the morrows dew.

He flies high to catch the rays
Of the golden sun,
Winging softly, ever searching,
For a moments fun.

Down he flits to catch a shadow,
Black as night could be,
Back he comes to chase a dream,
Of beauty seen by he.

The night of deep black velvet,
Falls swiftly on the earth,
And now the little azure bird,
Will quickly find his berth.

By Deborah Geilhausen

Christmas Eve So Quiet

The family sleeping
The roof so white
Their spirit keeping
Throughout the winter night.

By the dying fire
In a soft ball
Lay a dog sleeping
In the house so small.

There stood a Christmas tree
But three feet tall
In the small window
Reflecting on the wall.

Seven tiny presents
Lying so still
Under the Christmas tree
By the dusty window sill.

Standing so still
On the small door
Not even a wreath
The family so poor.

Waiting so peacefully
The family of four
To see what the future brings
Inside the small door.

By Heidi Y. Campini

My Ride At Andrews Park

I climb the hill with board in hand and get on at the fence.
A friend says "Larry, here's the ride, I bet you for ten cents."
For the money I accept, and so begins suspense.

I start down the concrete as my wheels whir the sign.
I'm coming down, get off the walk, for right now it is mine.
I pull in hard and make dead man's with all four on line.

Now squat down to pick up speed, not too far down, you'll burn.
It takes more skill to go like Guy, and you've got lots to learn.
Now quick, get up, and don't wipe out, you've got to make the turn.

I only pull out just enough to not go off the ledge.
The far side of the sign I ride, two wheels over the edge.
I wobble, turn, and straighten out, to slowdown by the hedge.

I climb the steps, and walk the hill, "I made it, hey, I won."
"Heh, Heh, I know, but also hope that bet was just in fun."
"Alright," I say, for I'm just glad the ride I rode is done.

By Larry Hansen

The Comet

T'was once upon a starlit night,
I was very lucky to see
A beautiful comet racing by,
Yet very far from me.

It raced all over the starry sky,
It even passed over the sea
And as I stood there and watched it,
It even passed over me.

It zoomed, it boomed, and circled the sky
Passed by a star
And flew by my eye.

So as I stood there and watched it,
In it's heavenly flight
I knew now why God,
Had given us sight.

To witness a comet in its heavenly flight
Is the most lovely thing
We can do with our sight.

So as I stood there and watched it
As it flew all around
I knew that this comet would never touch ground.

By John Catron

Pocket and Fancy

The cruelty of the world is not a pleasant thing.
So the facts are twirled until they fit the rich man's pocket and fancy,
And ride the blemishes that are curled.
Most people on earth are bad,
And being so the poor man's story issad.
The hunger, the thirst, and the pain,
The waiting, the dying, the drenching in the rain,
And the third class ride on the midnight train.

If you and I went into the slums,
One quickly meets and comes upon
The filth, the terrifying horror,
That makes you shut your window and door.

Alright go on, as its fine with me,
But there will soon come a time
When richman, poorman, negro, chief
Will go down the stream of life,
Holding hands on a floating leaf,
Or will be drowned at sea by an unseen reef.

By Dottie Harvey

Journey in the Dark

All was quiet in an old two-storied home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Civil War had been going on for three long years. To the two children, Henry and Suzanne, it seemed much longer for their father was fighting for the South. The city had been captured by Union soldiers and was surrounded by Union troops.

Everyone was asleep, and the house was completely still. The stillness was suddenly broken by the soft voice of the Negro maid, "Your father is here, wake up!" The children and their mother were surprised. It was Pa!

Pa was different from before, he had a beard and wore a torn uniform. He had sneaked through the Union lines to see his family. He knew that the south was losing and that he might not have another chance to see them soon.

The maid closed the curtains while he talked with his family. He told them that things had not been good. The South was losing supplies and men. He wanted to talk of other things too. He felt very good to be with his family again, even though it was for a short time.

The maid fixed him a supper, and laid a fire in the fireplace. Then he told his family that he would have to leave early the next evening. He had come on foot because horses could be heard too easily. He had twenty miles to travel before he would be safely within friendly territory.

Pa stayed all the next day, and when evening came he sneaked like a cat into the darkness--back to help his chosen side in the war.

A Favority Family Story -
By - David Kumnick

A Snack in the Night

I wakened from my soundless deep
To hear sounds from the kitchen seep.
I dared not let escape a peep
For fear at me someone would leap.

I crawled under my covers more
To escape what I thought might be gore.
My braveness then at once took hold
And suddenly I was awfully bold.

I crept silently to the half closed door
And opened it wider so I could see more.
I crept down the stairs to the uncovered floor
Then heard from the kitchen the sound of a roar.

My courage made me shove the door wide,
I received such a shock I could have just cried,
For my brother was eating like a pig eating slop
The cereal with the snap, crackle, and pop.

By Rose Harris

Christmas Eve

The lamp put out,
The candle low,
We gathered round the fire's glow
Of coals, embers, and the Yule-Tide log.
Mary Lily, and the stumped-tailed dog
And me.

All round the house
The wild wind heaved,
Making cozy our Christmas Eve,
And outside a pine tree,
Frosted with snow,
The branches a-dancing and waving did blow
At me.

And as the sparks flew less and less high,
And the warm evening fire began to die,
The two little small ones were eagerly led
Out of the room and up to bed,
All but me.

All but me, for now I can stay
And ready the room for Christmas Day,
And as I am working, all the while
The older folks turn a special smile
To me.

By Jeannine Rouse

The Veil of White


Mist, the stuff of dreams,
White as snow,
The hider of greens.

Mist, the filmy veil
Thin as thin,
A cloud's sheer tail.

Mist, the fairies' tears,
Wet as the ocean,
Calming our fears.

Mist, the blanket of dew,
Small as small
Enveloping you----Mist.

By Deborah Geilhausen



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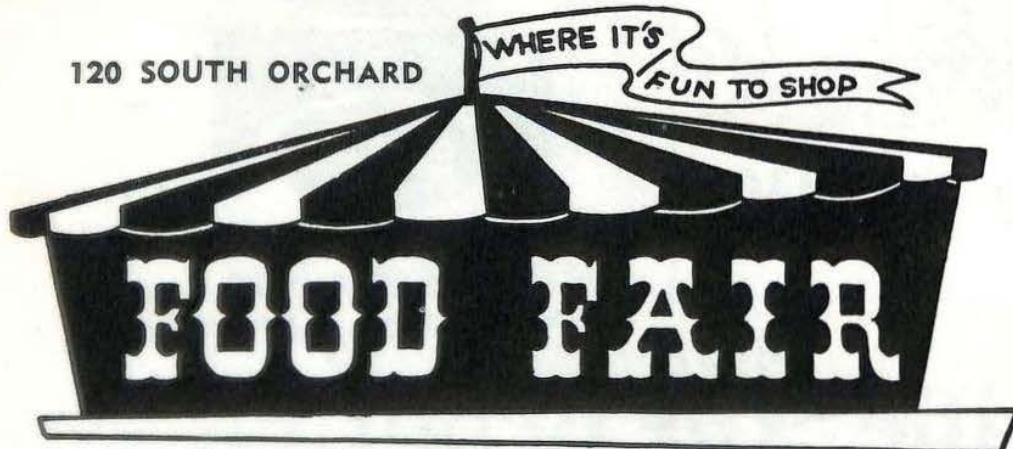
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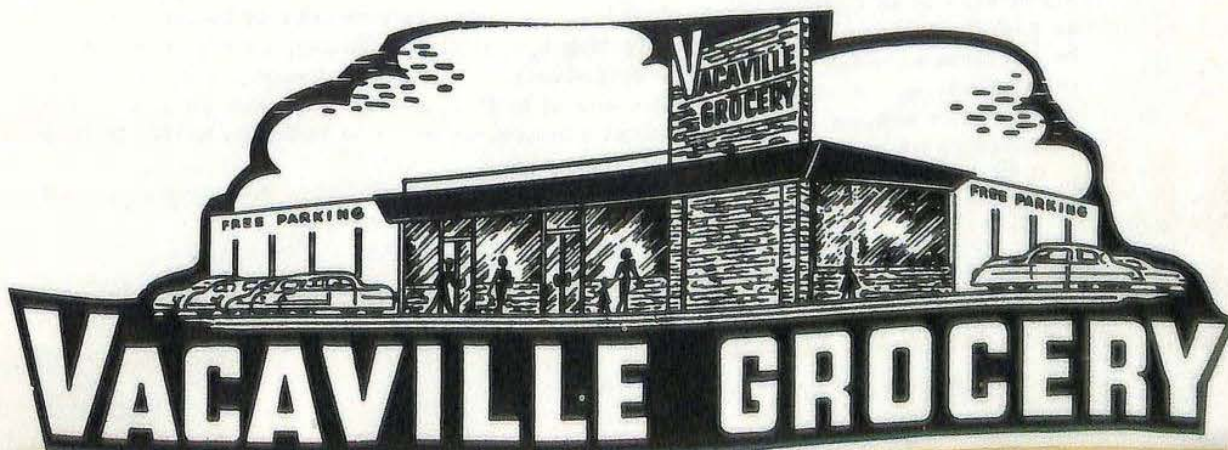
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Willis Linn Jepson, dean of California botanists, died at his home in Berkeley on November 7, 1946, after a protracted illness, at the age of 79. He devoted a fruitful half century of zealous investigation to the systematic botany of his native state. His "Flora of Western Middle California" (1901), "Silva of California" (1910), "Manual of the Flowering Plants of California" (1923-25), and the monographic (uncompleted) "Flora of California" (1909-43) have firmly established him not only as the principal interpreter of the California flora but also as one of the greatest of American regional botanists. "Jepson's Manual" has been for more than 20 years the well-worn threshold for thousands of students to an understanding and appreciation of the remarkably diversified vegetation of the state.

Jepson was born of Scotch-English stock on August 19, 1867, at Little Oak, near Vacaville, in the rolling foothills at the edge of the Great Valley. He attended the first Ulatis school, the title of the original school district in Vacaville. He was graduated from the University of California in 1889. The following year he became an assistant in botany and devoted his attention principally to systematic botany under the direction of E. L. Greene, pioneer taxonomist and founder of the Department of Botany. He was awarded the Ph. D. at the University of California in 1899, with a major in systematic botany and minors in plant physiology and paleophytology. His entire life was identified with the University, and his work devoted almost exclusively to the plants of California.

His botanical reputation must rest primarily on the ambitious Flora of California, which he regarded as his major contribution. This is perhaps the outstanding work on regional flora thus far produced in this country. It owes its great merit to the wealth of field observation, ecological and geographical data, profuse illustration, and careful documentation and observation and ranges by citation of specimens, as well as to the eminently sane taxonomic judgment. Because of its general usability, his manual has long enjoyed a popularity in the West comparable only to that of "Gray's Manual" in eastern North America. Jepson's voluminous publication will necessarily serve as the basis for all future work on the rich California flora.

The editorship of *Erythea* was turned over to him by Greene, and he served in that capacity from 1893 to 1900. Jepson founded the California Botanical Society in 1915 as well as its journal, "Madroño," which he edited until 1933. In these two journals appeared most of his shorter papers, dealing with botanical exploration and biography, geographical distribution, taxonomy, and teratology. He was an enthusiastic conservationist and served as a councilor of the Save the Redwoods League and the Point Lobos Association.

Many honors came to him during his long, productive lifetime. His colleagues honored him with the Faculty Research Lecturership in 1934, and his University with the LL.D. in 1941. He was president of the California Botanical Society, 1913-15 and 1918-29.

His memory is perpetuated by the saxifragaceous genus, "Jepsonia," dedicated to him by J. K. Small, and by a host of commemorative specific epithets. But these tokens are insignificant in comparison with the tremendous debt owed him by every student of Californian natural history. He was remarkably successful both as a teacher and writer in communicating his great enthusiasm for the flora which he had done so much to make understandable. Perhaps he would prefer to be remembered, in the words of his memorial to Parish, "as one who cared for and gave his life without stint to botanical science, as one who believed in the science absolutely, as he conceived it."

He leaves many friends in Vacaville at the present time, who vividly recall incidents from their many meetings with Willis Linn Jepson.